

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re) Chapter 11
LEAFS HOCKEY CLUB, INC.,)
Debtor.) Case No. 15-23198
) Hon. Donald R. Cassling
) Date: July 14, 2015
) Time: 9:30 a.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION

To: See Attached Service List

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on **July 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, we will appear before United States Bankruptcy Judge Donald R. Cassling, or any other judge sitting in his stead, in Courtroom 619 of the Dirksen Federal Building, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois, on the attached **DEBTOR'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING BANK ACCOUNT AND BUSINESS FORMS; AND (II) SHORTENING NOTICE**, at which time and place you may appear as you see fit.

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Leafs Hockey Club, Inc., debtor and debtor in possession (the “Club” or “Debtor”), by its proposed attorneys, Michael L. Gesas and Kevin H. Morse of Arnstein & Lehr LLP, files this motion (the “Motion”), pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 345 and 363, for the entry of an order (I) authorizing it to maintain its existing bank account and business forms; and (II) shortening notice. In support of the Motion, the Club states respectfully as follows:

I. Jurisdiction

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
2. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This Motion is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).
3. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are Sections 105, 345 and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9007 and Rule 2002-1 of the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

II. Background Facts

4. On July 7, 2015 (“Petition Date”), the Club filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, thereby commencing this case (the “Chapter 11 Case”).

5. Pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Club continues to operate its business and manage its financial affairs as a debtor in possession. No trustee, examiner or committee has been appointed in this Chapter 11 Case.

6. The Club is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation established in 1973 to promote youth ice hockey in the Fox Valley and surrounding communities. The Club’s Board of Directors is comprised solely of volunteer parents of past and present members of one or more of the Club’s hockey teams. As of the end of the 2014-2015 youth ice hockey season, the Club consisted of 22 teams and one “Learn to Skate” program, with a total of 326 youth hockey players ranging from ages 6 to 18. This past hockey season also brought the Club two Illinois state championships won by the Club’s 12-13 year old boys’ team and the Under-12 girls’ team.

7. In 2007, the Club moved into the state-of-the-art on and off ice training facility, commonly known as the Leafs Ice Centre in West Dundee, Illinois (the “Rink”). The Club is the sole member of LHC, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company that owns and operates the Rink. The Club’s operations provide approximately 40% of the Rink’s annual revenues. On or about February 25, 2013, the Rink filed its own voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 to stay the foreclosure proceeding filed by the Rink’s lender, UMB Bank, N.A., in its capacity as successor bond trustee under a Trust Indenture dated February 1, 2007 (the “Lender”).

8. On May 13, 2015, the Lender obtained a judgment against the Club based on the Club’s guaranty of the Rink’s bond indebtedness. The Club, the Rink and the Lender

subsequently engaged in negotiations concerning a joint and global resolution of all pending issues between the parties. These negotiations and forbearance were not only critical to the Club but also to the Rink with respect to the implementation of a chapter 11 exit strategy from its case. The Lender informed Club's counsel that as of 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, the Lender would terminate forbearance and take any and all actions appropriate or desirable to convert the judgment into a secured claim and execute thereon. The Lender's cessation of negotiations and forbearance necessitated the filing of this Chapter 11 Case.

9. The Debtor's assets, other than its membership interests in the Rink, consist mainly of its bank account located at Crystal Lake Bank & Trust Company, N.A, a Wintrust Community Bank located in Crystal Lake, Illinois (the "Bank"). The Bank is a member of the F.D.I.C. and all of the Club's deposits held at the Bank are within the F.D.I.C. insurable limits. As of the filing of the petition, the balance of the Club's deposits at the Bank were less than \$70,000 – consisting primarily of prepayment from member's registration for the 2015-2016 Fall hockey season.

10. The Rink also maintains its bank accounts at the Bank and the Court granted relief similar to that requested herein in the Rink's bankruptcy case (Case No. 13-07001, Dkt. #45).

III. Relief Requested

11. By this Motion, the Club seeks an order authorizing the continued use of the Club's bank account at the Bank and business forms pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §345.

IV. Basis for Relief

12. To minimize disruption, confusion and expense to the Club's estate, the Club requests authorization to continue to use its bank account at the Bank (the "Bank Account") and current correspondence and business forms, including, but not limited to, invoices, purchase

orders and related vendor communications and documents, letterhead, envelopes, promotional materials, order forms and other business forms (collectively, “Business Forms”). The Club further requests the use of the Bank Account and Business Forms without reference to the Club’s status as a debtor in possession.

13. Pursuant to section 345(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, any deposit or other investment made by a debtor, except those insured or guaranteed by the United States or by a department, agency or instrumentality of the United States or backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, must be secured by either a bond in favor of the United States that is secured by the undertaking of a corporate surety approved by the United States Trustee for the relevant district or the deposit of securities of the kind specified in 31 U.S.C § 9303

14. In order to supervise the administration of this Chapter 11 Case, the Office of the United States Trustee has established certain operating guidelines for a debtor-in-possession. These guidelines require chapter 11 debtors to, among other things: (a) close all existing bank accounts and open new debtor-in-possession bank accounts; (b) establish one debtor-in-possession account for all estate monies required for the payment of taxes, including payroll taxes; (c) maintain a separate bank debtor-in-possession account which bears the designation “Debtor-in-Possession Account”, the bankruptcy case number and the type of account. These requirements are designed to provide a clear line of demarcation between pre-petition and postpetition payments and to help protect against a debtor’s inadvertent payment of prepetition claims.

15. The Club is currently in the critical period of member registration for the Fall 2015-2016 youth hockey season – the longest and most important of the three 2015-2016 hockey seasons. The members register and pay full or partial registration deposits online with all

deposits being made into the Bank Account at the Bank. The entry of an order allowing the Club to maintain the existing Bank Account will preserve continuity and avoid monumental disruption and delay to the Club's operations and registration. The continuity of operations is critical as the Club demonstrates its continued vitality to its membership during the registration period and during the Chapter 11 Case. The benefit to the Club's estate and all parties in interest, including its members and the Rink, will be considerable by eliminating the confusion that would otherwise result absent the relief requested herein

16. If the Club is not permitted to continue to use the existing Bank Account and Business Forms, it will be prejudiced by (i) the resulting substantial disruption in its ordinary financial affairs and business operations; (ii) delaying the administration of the estate and potential loss of registration funds; and (iii) incurring unnecessary costs to the estate to set up new systems, open new accounts, print new Business Forms and immediately print new checks. Furthermore, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 345, all of the Club's deposits at the Bank are insured by the United States and will remain below F.D.I.C. insurable amount of \$250,000.

17. The relief requested will avoid disruption, confusion and delay and will not prejudice any party. As such, the Club seeks the authority to continue to use its Bank Account and Business Forms during the Chapter 11 Case.

V. Notice of Hearing

18. Notice of this Motion has been given on six (6) days notice to (a) the Office of the United States Trustee via ECF; (b) the Lender via personal service; (c) any and all relevant taxing authorities; (d) any other party who has filed an appearance and requested notice; and (e) the list of twenty (20) largest unsecured creditors. In light of the nature of the relief requested and costs associated with overnight mail, the Club submits that shortened notice as provided via

U.S. Mail to priority creditors is appropriate under the circumstances and no further notice need be given.

WHEREFORE, Leafs Hockey Club, Inc. requests that this Court enter an order (1) granting the Motion; (2) authorizing the use of the existing bank account at Crystal Lake Bank & Trust Company, N.A, and existing business forms; (3) shortening notice to six (6) days; and (4) for such further relief this Court deems just, equitable, and proper.

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